

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met—roll called—quorum present.

Mr. Martin moved to take up the motion of Mr. Weatherford, to reconsider the vote rejecting a bill requiring the counties of Kaufman, Wood and VanZandt to pay a portion of the old debt of Henderson county; lost.

Mr. Allen introduced a joint resolution to provide for a settlement between James Bourland, late collector of customs for the district of Red River, and the State of Texas; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Allen, rule suspended, and resolution read second time.

Mr. Jowers offered the following amendment:

"Provided, the settlement shall not be made with the said Bourland, or the money paid over out of any money now in the Treasury, or until the amount is received from the Government of the United States."

Adopted, and resolution ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Allen, rule further suspended, resolution read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Scott, the rule forbidding the Senate from taking up and acting upon the House's bills was suspended.

A bill concerning the introduction of free persons of color within the limits of Texas; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, rule suspended, bill read second time and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A bill to incorporate Church Hill Male and Female Academy; read first time.

Mr. Guinn moved that the Senate adjourn until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning; lost.

On motion of Mr. Jowers, the Senate adjourned until half-past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, February 11, 1854.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

Mr. Hill, from the committee on State Affairs, made the following report:

The committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred a bill concerning the introduction of free persons of color within the

limits of Texas, have duly considered the same, and a majority of the committee instruct me to report, that they deem it impolitic and unnecessary to pass such a law. The bill provides that any free person of color, coming into this State, and failing to leave after being notified so to do, shall be subject to indictment, and on conviction, to imprisonment in the State Penitentiary. The committee do not believe that any good will result from the infliction of such punishment. While the policy of excluding the introduction of free persons of color is accorded by the committee, they are of the opinion that this desirable end is more effectually accomplished by the act of the 5th of February, 1840, than by the bill under consideration. The committee have, therefore, instructed me to return the bill, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Mr. Whitaker, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed a bill to incorporate the town of Sherman, in the county of Grayson.

Mr. Guinn, from said committee, reported as correctly engrossed a joint resolution to provide for a settlement between James Bourland, late collector of customs for the district of Red River, and the State of Texas.

On motion of Mr. Jowers, Mr. Keenan was excused from his seat after to-day.

On motion of Mr. Durst, Mr. Whitaker was also excused.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, made the following report :

COMMITTEE-ROOM, February, 1854.

MR. PRESIDENT: The Judiciary committee direct me to return the accompanying bills, resolutions and memorials to the Senate, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same, to-wit :

A bill to establish a subordinate land office in Eastern Texas ;

A bill to change the name of Gary Ann Bruce ;

A bill supplementary to, and amending the 56th section of an act to organise justices courts, and to define the powers and jurisdiction of the same, approved March 20th, 1848 ;

A bill to be entitled an act concerning crimes and misdemeanors, of date March 20th, 1848 ;

An act to amend an act entitled an act of limitations, approved February 5th, 1841 ;

An act to settle titles to land ;

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal the 2d section of an act providing for the payment of grand and petit jurors ;

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal the 90th and 91st sections of an act to regulate proceedings in the district courts, approved May 18th, 1846 ;

An act to amend an act entitled an act to regulate the descent and distribution of intestates estates ;

A bill to be entitled an act to limit the time within which suits may be brought upon judgments or decrees rendered in the courts of any State of the Union other than the State of Texas ;

A joint resolution providing for amending the Constitution ;

A resolution in relation to the claim of Milam's heirs ;

A resolution instructing the Judiciary committee to enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill repealing the present probate law, &c. ;

Memorial of sundry citizens of New Orleans ;

An act to punish certain offences herein named ;

And a bill for the relief of William M. Hart ;

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills originating in the Senate :

A bill to amend the 22d section of an act to regulate Railroad companies, approved February 7th, 1853 ;

A bill to provide for the erection and furnishing of a residence and out buildings for the Governor of the State of Texas ;

A bill for the relief of James McGloin ;

A bill to incorporate the Chamber's Transportation company ;

A bill for the relief of James H. Tem ;

A bill for the relief of Richard M. Collins ;

A bill to incorporate San Augustine Lodge, No. 11, of the I. O. O. F. ;

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Chappell Hill Male and Female Institute ;

A bill to repeal a joint resolution for the punishment of vagrants, approved 10th January, 1839 ;

A bill to amend an act to organise county courts, approved March 16th, 1848 ; and

A bill to provide for the investigation of land titles in certain counties therein mentioned ;

Also, that the House had passed the following bills originating in the Senate with amendments :

A bill to grant ninety-four sections of land, of 640 acres each to the Galveston and Brazos Navigation company ;

A bill regulating justices' courts in the city of San Antonio ; and

A bill creating the county of Johnson.

German language, three hundred and thirty-six dollars and ninety cents." Adopted.

Mr. Scarborough offered the following amendment:

"The Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer may allow E. Kirk, in any settlement with him, the sum of \$400, or so much thereof as may be necessary, [as will compensate him for receiving and placing the furniture in the Capitol;" which, on motion of Mr. Holland, was laid on the table.

Mr. Jowers offered the following amendment:

Insert, "for the pay of a clerk in the Auditor's Office, \$900 annually; office of said clerk to expire on the 1st day of August, 1855." Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the bill was amended by striking out "500," and inserting "1500 for stationery for Legislature."

Mr. Jowers offered the following amendment:

That the Comptroller be authorised and he is hereby required to issue to Cornelius W. Peterson a duplicate of draft No. 273, for 218 20-100 dollars, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized and required to pay to said Peterson or agent the foregoing amount of said draft out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; provided, that the said Peterson or agent shall enter into bond, with approved security, that the State shall be held and remain harmless against the original draft.

On motion of Mr. Keenan, the amendment was laid on the table.

The bill then passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Keenan, rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Scott offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be and he is hereby authorised to give to the Chaplain a certificate for his services at the same rate of pay *per diem* as the officers of the Senate. Adopted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to incorporate Church Hill Male and Female Academy; read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Scott, rule suspended, bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Doane, Durst, Guino, Hill, Holland, Jowers, Keenan, Lott, Martin, McAnelly, McDade, Newman, Paschal, Potter, Scarborough, Scott, Sublett, Superviele and Whitaker—21.

NAYS.—Mr. Kyle—1.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills originating in the Senate :

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the town of Independence, approved February 9th, 1852 ;

A bill regulating and restricting the sale of spirituous liquors; and

A bill for the relief of Reuben Fisher and John Fisher, with an amendment ;

Also, that the House had adopted a substitute for a bill originating in the Senate supplementary to an act to incorporate the city of Corpus Christi, approved February 11th, A. D. 1852 ;

On motion of Mr. Potter, Senate's bills with amendments from the House, taken up.

The Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to the following bills, viz :

A bill creating the county of Johnson ;

A bill regulating justice's courts in the city of San Antonio; and

A bill to grant ninety-four sections of land, of six hundred and forty acres each, to the Galveston and Brazos Navigation company.

House's substitute for Senate's bill supplemental to an act to incorporate the Brownsville and Rio Grande Railroad company, approved February 7th, 1853; taken up and read first time.

On motion of Mr. Potter, rule suspended, bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Scarborough, rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Doane, Durst, Guinn, Hill, Holland, Jowers, Keenan, Lott, Martin, McAnelly, McDade, Newman, Paschal, Potter, Scarborough, Scott, Superviele and Whitaker—20.

NAYS—Messrs. Kyle and Sublett—2.

A bill to incorporate the Rock Creek Bridge and Turnpike company ; read, and on motion of Mr. Kyle, laid on the table.

A bill to authorise county courts to issue unconditional headright certificates where conditional certificates only have been issued.

Mr. Kyle moved to lay the bill and amendment on the table; lost by the following vote :

YEAS.—Messrs. Guinn, Kyle, Martin, Newman and Whitaker—5.

NAYS.—Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Doane, Durst, Hill, Holland, Jowers, Keenan, Lott, McAnelly, McDade, Paschal, Potter, Scarborough, Scott, Sublett and Superviele—17.

Mr. Potter moved that the Senate recede from their amendments; upon which the yeas and nays were as follows:

YEAS.—Messrs. Doane, Durst, Hill, Jowers, Keenan, McDade, Potter, Scarborough, Scott, Sublett and Superviele—11.

NAYS.—Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Guinn, Holland, Kyle, Lott, Martin, McAnelly, Newman, Paschal and Whitaker—11. *Lost.*

On motion of Mr. Jowers, a committee of Conference was appointed on said bill, consisting of Messrs. Jowers, Paschal and Potter.

A bill to provide for the establishment of cotton and woollen factories in the Penitentiary; read first time.

Mr. Kyle moved to lay the bill on the table until Monday the 13th inst., at 11 o'clock; *lost.*

On motion of Mr. Keenan, the rule was suspended, bill read second time, and passed to a third reading by the following vote:

YEAS.—Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Doane, Durst, Hill, Holland, Jowers, Keenan, Kyle, Lott, McAnelly, McDade, Newman, Paschal, Potter, Scarborough, Scott, Sublett and Superviele—19.

NAYS.—Messrs. Guinn, Martin and Whitaker—3.

Mr. Kyle moved to reconsider the vote just taken; *lost.*

Mr. Kyle moved that the Senate adjourn until 2 o'clock, p. m.; *lost.*

On motion of Mr. Keenan, the rule was further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

The Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to a bill for the relief of Reuben Fisher and John Fisher.

A bill to change the Northern boundary of Burnet county; read first time.

On motion of Mr. McDade, the bill was laid on the table by the following vote:

YEAS.—Messrs. Bryan, Doane, Durst, Hill, Holland, Jowers, Keenan, Lott, McAnelly, McDade, Paschal, Scarborough, Scott, Sublett and Superviele—15.

NAYS.—Messrs. Allen, Guinn, Kyle, Martin, Newman, Potter and Whitaker—7.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate

that the House had passed the following bills originating in the Senate :

A bill to amend the 9th and 10th sections of an act to regulate the license and practice of attorneys and counsellors at law, approved May 12th, 1846 ;

A bill to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors within five miles of the town of Marshall, except for medicinal, mechanical or sacramental purposes ;

A bill to authorise and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent to M. Kennedy ;

A bill to prescribe the manner in which the Governor shall issue his proclamations ;

A bill to incorporate Mann's Bluff Turnpike company ; and

A joint resolution instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of Texas in Congress to urge upon Congress the adjustment of the indemnity due the late Republic of Texas, for expenses incurred by her in defence against certain Indian tribes belonging to the United States.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, the Senate adjourned until half-past 2 o'clock, P. M.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met—roll called—quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Hill, a bill to provide for the payment of the debt of the late Republic of Texas recognised as the first class debt, with an amendment heretofore offered by Mr. Hill, taken up, read, and laid on the table by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Doane, Guinn, Holland, Jowers, Lott, Martin, McAnelly, McDade, Newman, Paschal, Scarborough, Scott, Sublett Superviele and Whitaker—17.

NAYS—Messrs. Durst, Hill, Keenan, Kyle and Potter—5.

Mr. Jowers, by leave, introduced a joint resolution to provide an office for the Attorney-General ; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Keenan, rule suspended, resolution read second time.

Mr. Sublett offered as a substitute, joint resolution authorising the Attorney-General to occupy the Old Treasury Department ; read and rejected.

Mr. Paschal offered the following amendment :

Provided, That the Attorney-General be authorised to rent said building, and receive the proceeds thereof, if he should furnish his own office. Rejected.

The Senate refused to engross the resolution by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Doane, Durst, Guinn, Jowers, Keenan, Lott, Martin, McDade, Superviele and Whitaker—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Bryan, Hill, Holland, Kyle, McAnelly, Newman, Paschal, Potter, Scarborough, Scott and Sublett—11.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills originating in the Senate :

A bill to incorporate Gilmer Male Academy, in the county of Upshur; and

A bill granting lands in payment of an allowance or pension granted on 18th December, 1837, to the family of Erastus Smith, &c.;

Also, that the House had concurred in the Senate's amendments to a bill making appropriations for the use and support of the State Government for the years 1854 and 1855, and other purposes; and that the House had passed a bill to amend the 2d section of an act entitled an act to amend the 2d and 7th sections of an act entitled an act to organise the supreme court of the State of Texas, approved November 30th, 1850.

House's substitute for Senate's bill, supplementary to an act to incorporate the city of Corpus Christi, approved February 11th, 1852; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, rule suspended, bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Keenan, rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed unanimously.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill originating in the Senate to re-organise the Cook and Denton county land districts, with an amendment.

Mr. Keenan offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the State Gazette and Times newspapers be furnished and forwarded to each member of the Senate as heretofore, until the journals and debates are published; provided, the publication shall be made within one month from the adjournment of the Legislature; and the reporter be allowed the same *per diem* pay during the time he may be engaged in bringing up his work, not to exceed one month.

Mr. Holland moved to lay the resolution on the table; lost by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Guinn, Holland, Lott, Newman, Potter, Scott, Sublett and Whitaker—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Bryan, Doane, Durst, Hill, Jowers, Keenan, Kyle, Martin, McAnelly, McDade, Paschal, Scarborough and Supervielle—13.

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Jowers made the following report :

COMMITTEE ROOM, Feb. 11, 1854.

HON. GUY M. BRYAN,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

The committee of Conference raised on the part of the two houses, to whom was referred the amendments made by the Senate to a bill to authorise the county courts to issue unconditional headright certificates where conditional certificates only have issued, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed us to report the same back and recommend that the Senate recede from their amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. G. W. JOWERS,
Chairman on part of the Senate,
B. B. CANNON
Chairman on part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Jowers, rule suspended, report taken up and adopted by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Bryan, Doane, Durst, Hill, Jowers, Keenan, McAnelly, McDade, Potter, Scarborough, Scott, Sublett and Supervielle—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Allen, Guinn, Holland, Kyle, Lott, Martin, Newman, Paschal and Whitaker—9.

Mr. Hill offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be required to remain in charge of the papers of the Senate for two weeks after the adjournment of the present session of the Legislature, for the purpose of arranging and filing them ; and that he be allowed the same *per diem* pay for his services as is allowed him as Secretary. Adopted.

Mr. Sublett, chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Feb. 11, 1854.

Hon. GUY M. BRYAN,

President of the Senate pro tem. :

The Joint committee upon Enrolled Bills have examined the following bills, to-wit :

An act to amend an act to organise county courts, approved March 16th, 1848 ;

An act to repeal a joint resolution for the punishment of vagrants, approved January 10th, 1839 ;

An act to amend an act to incorporate the Chappell Hill Male and Female Institute ;

An act to provide for the erection and furnishing of a residence and out buildings for the Governor of the State of Texas ;

An act to incorporate the Chambers Transportation company ;

An act to provide for the investigation of land titles in certain counties therein named ;

An act to amend the 22d section of an act to regulate Railroad companies, approved February 7th, 1853, originating in the Senate ;

All of which said bills were correctly enrolled, and this day submitted to the Governor for his approval.

The Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to a bill to re-organise the Cook and Denton county land districts, by the following vote :

YEAS.—Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Doane, Durst, Guinn, Hill, Holland, Jowers, Kyle, Martin, Scott and Whitaker—12.

NAYS.—Messrs. Keenan, Lott, McAnelly, McDade, Newman, Paschal, Potter, Scarborough, Sublett and Superviele—10.

Mr. Sublett, chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report :

FEBRUARY 11, 1854.

Hon. GUY M. BRYAN,

President of the Senate pro tem. :

The joint committee upon Enrolled Bills have examined the following bills, to-wit :

An act to amend the 1st, 3d, 6th and 17th sections of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Brownsville and Rio Grande Railroad company ; approved February 7th, 1853 ;

An act regulating and restricting the sale of spirituous liquors, originating in the Senate.

Also, the following bill originating in the House of Representatives :

An act to provide for the establishment of cotton and woollen factories in the Penitentiary.

Also, the following bills originating in the Senate :

An act for the relief of Richard M. Collins ;

Joint resolution instructing the Senators and Representatives of Texas in Congress to urge upon Congress the adjustment of the indemnity due the late Republic of Texas, for expenses incurred by her in defence against certain Indian tribes belonging to the United States ;

An act for the relief of James H. Tom ;

An act to prescribe the manner in which the Governor shall issue his proclamations ;

An act to amend the 6th section of an act to incorporate the town of Independence, approved February 9th, 1852 ;

An act for the relief of Reuben Fisher.

All of which said bills were correctly enrolled, and this day submitted to the Governor for his approval.

H. W. SUBLETT, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Durst, the Senate adjourned until 7 o'clock,
P. M.

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met—roll called—quorum present.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, made the following report :

COMMITTEE-ROOM, Feb. 11, 1854.

MR. PRESIDENT : The Judiciary committee direct me to return to the Senate a bill to be entitled an act providing for the settlement of deceased estates. The bill was presented in the Senate on the 8th of the present month, having passed the House of Representatives on the 7th, and the committee have not had time to give the bill that consideration which its importance requires, or which would be necessary in order to form a correct opinion as to its merits. From the examination given, the committee believe that some provisions of the bill are much better than those contained in the present laws upon the same subject ; but they do not think there is sufficient time left to the Senate now to act on a subject of so much moment. A revision of the laws having been provided for, the committee think that this matter had better be left for the action of the revising commissioners and the next Legislature ; and the committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Scott, a bill to incorporate the Rock Creek Bridge and Turnpike company, taken up; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Scott, rule suspended, bill read second time and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Scott, rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Doane, Durst, Guinn, Hill, Holland, Jowers, Keenan, Kyle, Lott, Martin, McAnelly, McDade, Newman, Paschal, Potter, Scarborough, Scott, Sublett, Superviele and Whitaker—22.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills originating in the Senate:

A bill to regulate the times of holding the district courts in the 5th judicial district; and

A bill to incorporate the Nueces and San Patricio Causeway company.

Also, that the House had passed a joint resolution originating in that body, concerning the archives of the House of Representatives.

A bill to amend the 2d section of an act to amend the 2d and 7th sections of an act to organize the supreme court of the State of Texas, approved November 30th, 1850; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, rule suspended, bill read second time and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the vote rejecting a joint resolution to provide an office for the Attorney-General, was reconsidered.

Mr. Sublett offered a substitute for said resolution.

Adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Sublett, rule suspended, resolution read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Keenan, a bill to locate the seat of justice of the county of Robertson, was taken up; read, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Keenan, rule suspended, bill read third time and passed.

A joint resolution concerning the archives of the House of Representatives; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Scott, the thanks of the Senate were returned to Col. C. C. Mills, for a map presented by him to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Keenan, a committee of three was appointed to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the Legislature will adjourn *sine die* on Monday the 13th inst., at 10 o'clock.

Messrs. Keenan, Potter and Martin were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Martin, a bill to prevent the location of lands in the district of country lying North of Red River and West of the 100th degree of longitude, with amendments thereto offered by the committee on Internal Improvements, was taken up.

Mr. Guinn moved to lay the Bill and amendments on the table.

On motion of Mr. Paschal, there was a call of the Senate.

The Senate being full, the call was suspended.

The bill and amendments were laid on the table by the following vote :

YEAS.—Messrs. Allen, Doane, Durst, Guinn, Hill, Holland, Jowers, Keenan, Kyle, Lott, McAnelly, McDade, Newman, Scott and Sublett—15.

NAYS.—Messrs. Bryan, Martin, Paschal, Potter, Scarborough, Superviele and Whitaker—7.

Mr. Guinn, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed a joint resolution to provide an office for the Attorney-General.

Mr. Keenan, chairman of the Special committee appointed to inform the Governor that the Legislature would adjourn on Monday the 13th inst., at 1 o'clock, P. M., reported that duty performed, and that the Governor would transmit a message in writing to the Senate to-night.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills originating in the Senate :

A bill to protect the public buildings and grounds of the State at and near the city of Austin ;

And a bill supplemental to an act to provide for the erection of a Capitol for the State of Texas, approved February 14th, 1852, and an act to provide for the erection of a State Capitol, approved February 7th, 1853.

Mr. Bryan moved to reconsider the vote concurring in the amendment of the House to a bill to re-organise the Cook and Denton county land districts ; lost by the following vote :

YEAS.—Messrs. Bryan, Lott, Paschal, Potter, Scarborough, Sublett and Superviele—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Allen, Doane, Durst, Guinn, Hill, Holland, Jowers, Keenan, Kyle, Martin, McAnelly, McDade, Newman, Scott and Whitaker—15.

On motion of Mr. Durst, a bill for the relief of Wyatt Hanks was taken up; read and rejected.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, a bill concerning the introduction of free persons of color within the limits of Texas, was taken up.

Mr. Keenan moved to lay it on the table; lost.

On motion of Mr. Sublett, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill originating in the Senate to authorise the county court of Cass county to re-convey to D. N. Alley certain town lots.

On motion of Mr. Durst, a joint resolution concerning the archives of the House of Representatives, was taken up, and read second time.

Mr. Hill offered the following amendment:

Insert after archives of the House of Representatives: "and the Secretary of the Senate, the archives of the Senate."

Adopted, and bill laid on the table.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills originating in the Senate:

A bill supplementary to an act concerning the archives of the Legislature, approved February 16th, 1852;

A bill to define the civil rights of aliens;

A joint resolution authorising the Comptroller of Public Accounts to exchange certain lots therein mentioned;

Also, that the House had passed a joint resolution to erect a tomb over the grave of General Edward Burleson.

On motion of Mr. Holland, said resolution was taken up and read first time.

On motion of Mr. Hill, rule suspended, resolution read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Jowers, rule further suspended, read third time and passed unanimously.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill originating in the Senate supplemental to an act for ceding jurisdiction of certain lands in this State for public purposes, approved 19th December, 1849.

Mr. Durst offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be tendered to the Hon. D. C. Dickson, President of the Senate, for the distinguish-

ed impartiality with which he has presided over this body, and for his courteous and gentlemanly bearing towards its members.

Mr. Holland offered the following as an amendment :

Also, that the thanks of the Senate are due, and hereby tendered to Hon. M. D. K. Taylor and the Hon. Guy M. Bryan, Presidents pro tem. of the Senate, for the impartial, dignified and satisfactory manner in which they have presided over the deliberations of this body. Adopted.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Sublett, made the following reports :

FEBRUARY 11, 1854.

HON. GUY M. BRYAN,

President of the Senate :

The joint committee upon Enrolled Bills have examined the following bills originating in the Senate, to-wit :

An act to extend the provisions of an act entitled an act to provide for ascertaining the debt of the late Republic of Texas :

An act to grant ninety four sections of land, of six hundred and forty acres each, to the Galveston and Brazos Navigation company ;

An act regulating justices' courts in the city of San Antonio ;

An act to incorporate Mann's Bluff Turnpike company ;

An act to incorporate Gilmer Male Academy, in the county of Upshur ;

An act to incorporate San Antonio Lodge, No. 11, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows ;

An act to authorise and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent to Margaret Kennedy ;

An act for the relief of James McGloin ;

An act to amend the 9th and 10th sections of an act to regulate the license and practice of attorneys and counsellors at law, approved May 12th, 1846 ;

An act to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors within five miles of the town of Marshall, except for medicinal, mechanical or sacramental purposes ;

An act for the relief of Reuben Fisher ;

An act granting lands in payment of an allowance or pension granted on 18th, December, 1837, to the family of Erastus Smith, known in the history of Texas as Deaf Smith ;

An act to re-organise the Cooke and Denton county land districts ;

An act creating the county of Johnson ;

An act to protect the public buildings and grounds of the State at and near the city of Austin;

An act to define the times of holding the district courts of the fifth judicial district;

An act supplemental to an act to provide for the erection of a Capitol for the State of Texas, approved February 14th, 1852, and an act to provide for the erection of a State Capitol, approved February 7th, 1853;

An act to require the county court of Cass county to reconvey to D. N. Alley certain town lots in the town of Jefferson, and the notes given to said county for any or all of said lots, which may have been sold by order of said county court, which remains unpaid;

An act supplementary to an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Corpus Christi, approved February 11th, 1852;

An act to define the civil rights of aliens;

An act supplemental to an act entitled an act concerning the archives of the Legislature, approved February 16th, 1852.

All of which said bills were correctly enrolled, and this day submitted to the Governor for his approval.

H. W. SUBLETT, Chairman.

FEBRUARY 11, 1854.

Hon. GUY M. BRYAN,

President of the Senate:

The committee on Enrolled Bills, have examined the following bills originating in the House of Representatives, to-wit:

An act granting to John J. Grumbles the privilege of erecting a grist, flour, manufacturing, saw and planing mill on a portion of the reserved lands of the State contiguous to the city of Austin;

An act making appropriations for the use and support of the State government for the years 1854 and 1855 and other purposes;

An act to incorporate the Red River and Texas Insurance company;

An act to change the name of Elizabeth Jane Sinclair to Elizabeth Jane Hampton, and to authorise John C. Hampton to adopt her as his child;

An act to incorporate the town of LaGrange, in the county of Fayette;

An act to provide for a change of venue of cases which the district judges may be disqualified from trying;

An act to amend the 2d section of an act entitled an act to amend the 2d and 7th sections of an act entitled an act to orga-

nise the supreme court of the State of Texas, approved November 30th, 1850;

An act to incorporate Newbern Academy;

An act to authorise county courts to issue unconditional head-right certificates where conditional certificates only have issued;

An act for the relief of certain persons therein named;

An act to incorporate Church Hill Male and Female Academy;

An act to incorporate the Nueces and San Patricio Canseway company.

All of which said bills were correctly enrolled, and this day submitted to the Governor for his approval.

H. W. SUBLETT, Chairman.

Mr. Sublett, chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported joint resolution authorising the Comptroller of Public Accounts to exchange certain lots therein mentioned, and joint resolution to erect a tomb over the grave of General Edward Burleson, correctly enrolled, and that they were this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Bryan, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported an act supplementary to an act ceding to the United States jurisdiction of certain lands in this State for public purposes, approved 19th December, 1842, correctly enrolled, and that the same has this day been presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. Scott, the Journal of to-day was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Newman, the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning.

MONDAY, February 13, 1854.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain.

The following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Bryan, Doane, Durst, Guinn, Hill, Holland, Kyle, Lott, Martin, McDade, Millican, Newman, Paschal, Potter, Scarborough, Scott, Sublett and Superviele.

There being no quorum, on motion of Mr. Lott, the Senate adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES F. JOHNSON,

Secretary Senate.